

‘BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2005-385-E - ORDER NO. 2008-251

APRIL 1, 2008

IN RE: Petition of the Office of Regulatory ) ORDER WAIVING  
Staff to Establish Dockets to ) PREFILING  
Consider Implementing the ) REQUIREMENT  
Requirements of Section 1251 (Net )  
Metering and Additional Standards) )  
of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the request of the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) to waive the requirement to prefile twenty-five (25) copies of testimony and exhibits in this Docket. By letter dated March 20, 2008, ORS noted that our prefile letter dated March 6, 2008 requires parties of record that intend to present witnesses at the hearing in this matter on April 22, 2008 to prefile testimony and exhibits. ORS requests that the Commission waive its requirement to prefile twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits, as, according to ORS, this requirement has a chilling effect on those parties of record that are representing themselves pro se.

The Commission wishes to encourage participation by pro se litigants in this docket, not “chill” their participation. Accordingly, not only do we waive the twenty-five copy requirement as requested, but we further waive the prefiling requirement of 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs 103-845 (Supp. 2007) completely for the upcoming April 22, 2008

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proceeding. We believe that this will encourage the participation of pro se litigants in this matter.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

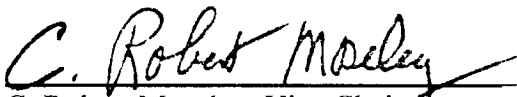
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



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G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



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C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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